

(c) Applications for special authority to dispose of certain books, records, and accounts prior to the expiration of prescribed minimum retention periods, and any inquiries as to the interpretation or applicability of this subpart to specific items shall be submitted to the Records Officer, Maritime Administration. MARAD will accept written or electronic options (such as facsimile and Internet) for transmission of required information to MARAD, if practicable. The applicant shall describe in detail the items to be disposed of and explain why continued retention is unnecessary.

[G.O. 101, 30 FR 12356, Sept. 28, 1965, as amended at 68 FR 62538, Nov. 5, 2003; 69 FR 61452, Oct. 19, 2004]

#### § 380.23 Supervision of records.

(a) Contractors and others subject to the provisions of this subpart shall designate, through formal action, the official company position by title, the incumbent of which shall be responsible for supervision of its document retention and disposal program. Immediately upon designation of the position, a copy of the formal action and name of the incumbent shall be filed with the Records Officer, Maritime Administration. MARAD will accept written or electronic options (such as facsimile and Internet) for transmission of required information, if practicable.

(b) The person in charge of the retention and disposal program shall maintain a record of all books, records, and accounts held in storage, and in such form that the items and their location are readily identifiable. A copy of the written, or by electronic options (such as facsimile and Internet), if practicable, notification requesting permission to dispose of any books, records, and accounts, and the original approval from the Administration, as required in § 380.22(b), together with a statement showing date, place and method of disposal will suffice as a record of such disposed items. These retention and disposal records shall be available at all times for inspection by Administration officials and auditors.

[69 FR 61452, Oct. 19, 2004]

#### § 380.24 Schedule of retention periods and description of records.

(a) The following records shall be retained for not less than two (2) years after final release agreement or settlement agreement is completed between the Administration and contractors under operating-differential subsidy contracts:

(1) Official company or corporate records such as certificates or articles of incorporation, minute books, stock ledgers, bond registers, merger or acquisition records, patents and copyrights;

(2) Financial statements and reports such as annual reports to stockholders and audit reports by independent public accountants;

(3) Insurance records such as policies, underwriters' audit reports, indemnity bonds, salvage data, and claim files;

(4) Contracts, agreements, franchises, licenses, etc., such as subsidy, charter, ship construction, and pooling agreements;

(5) Vessel operating records such as log books, surveys, position reports, and vessel itineraries;

(6) Voyage account items such as manifests, bills of lading, master's accounts, ship's payrolls;

(7) Underlying traffic records pertaining to tariffs, dray tickets, pooling agreements, passenger reports, freight and passenger conference records.

(b) The following records shall be retained for three (3) years after final audit and/or approval by the Administration:

(1) Ship construction or reconversion records such as bids, plans, progress payments, and construction-differential subsidy data;

(2) Canceled checks;

(3) Miscellaneous documents and work papers such as correspondence, operating and construction-differential subsidy rate data, subsidy adjustments pursuant to 46 CFR part 276 and approvals pursuant to Article II-10(c) of operating-differential subsidy contracts;

(4) Any document generated under the provisions of the Shipping Act, 1916;

(5) Books of account such as general and subsidiary ledgers, journals, cash books, and check registers;

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(6) Personnel records and supplementary records such as union agreements.

(c) Reports prepared by Federal, State, Local, or foreign governments pertaining to any documents referred to in this §380.24, shall be retained for the same period as prescribed herein for the retention of the documents to which they apply.

(d) If identical copies of the same document serve more than one purpose, only the original copy is required to be retained.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 2133-0501)

(Sec. 204(b), Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1114(b)); Pub. L. 97-31 (August 6, 1981); 49 CFR 1.66 (46 FR 47458, Sept. 28, 1981))

[48 FR 45560, Oct. 6, 1983]

## Subpart D [Reserved]

## Subpart E—Compulsory Disclosure

### § 380.40 Subpoenas, other compulsory processes and requests.

In any case where it is sought by subpoena, order, or other compulsory process or other demand of a court or other authority to require the production or disclosure of any record in the files of the Maritime Administration or other information acquired by an officer or employee of the Maritime Administration as a part of the performance of his official duties or because of his official status, the matter shall be immediately referred for determination, through the Secretary of the Maritime Administration and Maritime Subsidy Board, to the Maritime Administrator, Department of Transportation.

[G.O. 112, 36 FR 21816, Nov. 16, 1971]

## PART 381—CARGO PREFERENCE— U.S.-FLAG VESSELS

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SOURCE: General Order 103, 36 FR 6894, Apr. 10, 1971, unless otherwise noted.

### § 381.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part 381 is to prescribe regulations to be followed by all departments and agencies having responsibility under the Cargo Preference Act of 1954, section 901(b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1241(b)), in the administration of their programs with respect to that Act, and to provide a uniform system for the collection of data on the administration of such programs for use in preparing the annual reports to Congress required by that Act.

### § 381.2 Definitions.

(a) *Cargo Preference Act of 1954* means section 901(b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1241(b)).

(b) *Cargoes subject to the Cargo Preference Act of 1954*, include equipment, material or commodities:

(1) Procured, contracted for or otherwise obtained within or outside the United States for the account of the United States;

(2) Furnished within or outside the United States to or for the account of any foreign nation without provision for reimbursement;

(3) Furnished within or outside the United States for the account of any foreign nation in connection with which the United States advances funds or credits or guarantees the convertability of foreign currencies.

(4) Procured, contracted for, or otherwise obtained within or outside of the United States with advance of funds, loans or guaranties made by or on behalf of the United States.

(c) *Department or agency having responsibility under the Cargo Preference Act of 1954* means any department or agency of the Federal Government, administering a program that involves the transportation on ocean vessels of cargoes subject to the Cargo Preference Act of 1954. At present, these agencies include:

(1) Department of State.